

PSYC82F: Theoretical Psychology
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Textbook: A. Kukla, Methods of Theoretical Psychology (photocopied manuscript to be purchased in class).

Grading: A midterm and a final essay test, worth 40% and 60% of the final grade.

Lectures and Readings:

13/9. The enterprise of theoretical psychology [ch. 1]

20/9. Arguments [sections 2.7-2.9]

27/9. Concepts and Propositions [sections 2.1-2.6]

4/10. Theories and data [ch. 3]

11/10. Thanksgiving holiday

18/10. Theory Construction and Evaluation [ch. 4]

25/10. Midterm exam [results will be posted before the drop date of 5/11]

1/11. The Derivation and Testing of Empirical Hypotheses [ch. 5]

8/11. Theoretical Amplification [ch. 6]

15/11. Theoretical Simplification [ch. 7]

22/11. Necessary Propositions [ch. 8]

29/11. Conceptual Issues [ch. 9]

6/12. The contingent a priori in psychology [ch. 10]